

Remarks/Arguments

The Office Action referenced above has noted the following: (1) an objection to claim 7; (2) rejection of claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103; and (3) allowance of claim 9.

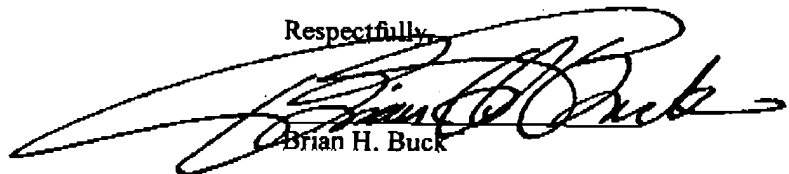
In response to a prior Office Action, and specifically in the Paper entitled "Second Amendment" which is stated to have been filed on 01 July 2003, claim 9 had been "re-presented" as newly written independent claim 10. Such presentation resulted from the Examiner's prior instruction and indication of allowance.

In regard to the most current Office Action dated 15 July 2003, Applicant has provided amendment which is believed to provide a proper response to the Office Action. Such amendment, as seen above, includes: (1) a proper listing of claims, including appropriate status; (2) cancellation of all previously pending claims with the exception of claim 10; and (3) amendment to resolve the objection to claim 7, insofar as that claim is incorporated in claim 10.

Therefore, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully,

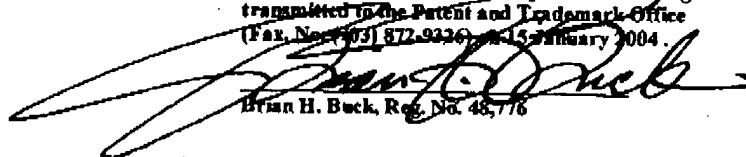


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